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Lohan turned into a flour girl



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Huskies fifth-year offensive lineman Bryan Jordan talks with rookie running back Devon Jones on the sidelines as the final seconds count down in a 28-12 loss to the Western Ontario Mustangs in the Mitchell Bowl in London, Ont., yesterday.

Huskies head home

SMU's Vanier Cup bid ends with Mitchell Bowl loss

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The Saint Mary's Huskies' bid for a return trip to the Vanier Cup abruptly stopped one step short last night.

The Huskies lost 28-12 to the host Western Ontario Mustangs in the Mitchell Bowl Canadian Interuniversity Sport football semifinal on a chilly day in London, Ont.

Rookie quarterback Jack Creighton tossed a pair of second-quarter interceptions that the Mustangs parlayed into touchdowns, giving them a solid 24-12 lead at halftime.

"We just beat ourselves," said Huskies receiver Carl Hardwick. "We gave up 14 points on turnovers and that was the difference in the game. We just didn't deserve to win."

Hardwick looked like he had the Huskies on the road to victory on the opening play of the second quarter, grabbing a long pass from Creighton for a 65-yard touchdown.

But the Huskies' only lead of the day, 12-10, quickly disappeared. Western scored at 6:57 and 14:06 on picks.

"We had about a six-minute run where things just didn't seem to go our way," said Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah. "We let it get to us and we couldn't put the breaks on."

Creighton, who took over the Huskies' starting job from injured Erik Glavic at mid-season, went 13-of-32 for 212 yards. Sumarah said Creighton "played his guts out."

The Huskies, who lost to the Manitoba Bisons in last year's Vanier Cup, struggled mightily in the second half, unable to put as much as a field goal on the board. More than 100 yards in penalties didn't help their comeback cause.

"We just kept shooting ourselves in the foot," Hardwick said.

Western moves on to the Vanier Cup on Saturday in Hamilton, Ont., against the Laval Rouge et Or.

Metro World News Guest Editor Exclusive

JamesBlunt



Pop singer adds own flair to Metro

British pop star James Blunt is going behind the scenes at Metro today as our first-ever global guest editor. On the eve of his cross-Canada tour, the multimillion-selling singer-songwriter, best known for his hit single You're Beautiful, is providing input in our newsrooms, contributing to our Comment & Views page (pg 8), and focusing attention on Medecins Sans Frontieres, an international medical humanitarian organization (see story at metronews.ca). Blunt also has something to say about online music sites in our Entertainment section (pg 14). "With so much going on in the world right now," Blunt says, "I am looking forward to editing a newspaper, raising the profile of subjects close to my heart and hopefully have a little fun along the way." Visit metronews.ca to learn about Blunt's passion for skiing and his picks on where to hit the slopes, and find out more about what happens when Blunt trades in his guitar for a notepad.

Winds, rains cause power problems throughout province

OUTAGES Heavy rain and winds gusting up to 54 kilometres per hour put 6,000 Nova Scotia homes in the dark late yesterday, but the Halifax area was left mostly unscathed.

Outages hit Cheticamp, where 700 customers were without power for a couple of hours, and Harve Boucher, where 200 were in the dark, Nova Scotia Power spokeswoman Margaret Murphy said last night. Truro and Tatamagouche were also affected, but Murphy said there were no major outages in metro. METRO HALIFAX

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G20 pledges to deal with economy



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Day surgery at military base
Hernia patients could soon get their surgery at CFB Halifax. On Friday, military officials and Capital Health District Authority signed an agreement that will allow wait-listed patients to get day surgery performed at the base. METRO HALIFAX

Local



Province makes a tidy profit

Don't expect this kind of profit at your next yard sale: The province raised over $1.6 million in 2007-08 by selling off surplus stuff. Most of that was from selling land — $1.3 million — with another $277,000 raised by auctioning off heavy equipment. It also donated 2,615 computer CPUs and 307 laptops to schools. METRO HALIFAX

Premier may use veto power

MacDonald looking to keep Waterside options open

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The premier hasn't ruled out vetoing a Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board decision on the controversial Waterside Centre office development if it's not to his liking.

Premier Rodney MacDonald told reporters Friday he's keeping his options open.

"Whether we do or we don't that's still to be determined if we exercise those options," he said.

MacDonald says Halifax regional council was wrong to reject Armour Group's Waterside Centre in a recent tie vote. He says the decision will hurt economic growth in the city and province, and has threatened to enact legislation to overturn council's decision.

"What message does it send to all those developers out there? Don't bother going to council. Just come to me. I will decide whether or not your project is worth going forward."
Darrell Dexter, NDP leader

He has applied to weigh in during the upcoming appeal of the project at the utility and review board, despite the developer's request for the province and others to remain out of it.

The fight over Waterside has also raised an issue around tie-votes at council meetings.

The premier said Friday a tie vote shouldn't result in a rejection as it did recently for Waterside Centre. Regional council voted 9-9, canning the proposal, which would have preserved the facades of six heritage buildings and built a six-storey glass tower on top.

He said he plans to discuss the issue with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

NDP leader Darrell Dexter said it's inappropriate the province would even consider overruling a utility and review board decision.

"What message does it send to all those developers out there? Don't bother going to council. Just come to me. I will decide whether or not your project is worth going forward.

"We either have faith in that board or we don't," Dexter said.

Liberal municipal relations critic Diana Whalen said it's not time to start changing the ground rules for municipal government, when HRM by Design is soon going to the province's law amendments committee.

Dal could serve up more local produce

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Local farmers are getting more of the plump $3 million pie at Dalhousie University.

Aramark, the company that manages food services on several university campuses in Halifax, spends about $3 million a year for food purchases at Dalhousie.

And along with their decision to get rid of transfat oils and Styrofoam, they've decided to buy more local food, too.

"We thought, 'Jeez, it would be nice to support some local farmers,'" said Derrick Hines, resident district manager for Aramark.

"It's everything from dairy to produce, vegetables, potatoes, and seafood."

The first step was figuring out how much food was bought locally – about 30 per cent – and the next step is to increase it.

"It's not as easy as switching over products. You have to look at seasonal menus, which is a huge amount of work for our dieteticians. Then you have to educate the students."

Local farmers were brought in to spread the word, and signs advertising the local selections on the menus were added in the cafeterias.

"It's supporting the local economy, but it's also freshness, the carbon footprint has been reduced. It's a whole whack of things."

Sometimes buying locally is a little more expensive, Hines said, but it's worth it.

"It's supporting the local economy, but it's also freshness, the carbon footprint has been reduced. It's a whole whack of things."
Derrick Hines

Suzanne Fougere at Mount Saint Vincent University said they also support local farmers as much as they can.

"It's in the very early stages of looking at how we can do more of that," she said.

About 30 per cent food at MSVU is locally produced, she added.

"In terms of buying local, the first thing we look at is the food and safety aspect of it and make sure it meets federal guidelines."

Hines said his next goal is to convert one of his diesel trucks to run on used vegetable oil and after that, a solar-run catering truck.



DANNY ABRIEL/SUBMITTED

A Dalhousie student serves up some soup. Aramark, the company that handles cafeteria services for universities, is trying to spend more of its Dalhousie food budget with local farmers.

News in brief

CRASH RCMP say 15-year-old Brandon Weatherbee died of injuries sustained in a Burlington, Hants Co. single-vehicle crash last week. The teen was a passenger in a vehicle that left the North River Road and hit a power pole. The driver is still at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in serious condition.

SHOOTING A Herring Cove Road man accidentally shot himself in the leg Friday just after 8 p.m. The man was taken to the QEII Health Sciences Centre for treatment of the injury, which wasn't life-threatening. Police couldn't find the gun, and are still investigating.

ACCIDENT Police responded to three pedestrian accidents Friday — two at the same time. At 9:23 p.m., police went to both the corner of South and Queen streets, and the corner of Windsor and Young. In both cases, a pedestrian in a crosswalk had been hit. Neither had life-threatening injuries. A 64-year-old man and a 29-year-old woman were ticketed for failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

CHARGES Police have charged a 22-year-old man after finding a handgun in his waistband yesterday afternoon at 3 p.m. Officers went to a Titus Street home looking to seize a firearm and found their suspect in the stairwell of the apartment building, carrying the gun in his pants.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE Drivers, take note: Even if you don't slow down for construction, you're supposed to at least keep an eye on the guy in front of you. Yesterday morning at 10 a.m., one vehicle hit another one from behind in Dartmouth near Wyse and Boland roads, after the first vehicle slowed down for construction and the second didn't. The driver of the second car will be charged.

JAYWALKING Just after midnight Friday morning, a jaywalker in his early 20s was hit at the corner of Brussels and Inglis streets. He was left with a non-life-threatening leg injury. Police are investigating.

DAMAGE At 12:20 p.m. yesterday, a 25-year-old driver had a medical episode at the sheel and lost control of his car on the Victoria Road extension. The car hit the pole for the MacKay Bridge exit, kept going for 20 metres and ended up on its roof. The driver wasn't hurt and no charges were laid.

LICENCE Members of the Maritime Fishermen's Union (MFU) met Friday to discuss new lobster licence rules, including stacking. Darryl MacIvor, president of MFU Local 4, said the practice of stacking—using two lobster fishing licences aboard the same vessel—has been in effect for a number of years, but a change in the policy may have a negative impact on the industry. "The crux of the issue is some people are against one person owning two licences," said MacIvor. The new rules allow one fishermen, who must be an owner/operator, to own two licences but would only be allowed to use 450 traps. METRO HALIFAX

Falling concrete halts highway traffic

INCIDENT Drivers on Highway 102 near the Bayers Lake business park were caught in gridlock for an hour and a half Saturday, after several pieces of concrete fell from the bottom of an overpass.

One vehicle was damaged, but no one was hurt.

The Transportation Department says the chunks were remnants of some repair work done last year, and that the overpass doesn't have structural problems. METRO HALIFAX

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Dal gets huge donation
Margaret (Peggy) St. George has donated over $6 million to Dalhousie University's opthalmology and visual sciences department. It's one of the largest in Dal's history. The money will set up a scholarship fund, research money and a visiting scientist program in honour of St. George's adopted family. **METRO HALIFAX**

Chebucto Road fight not over yet: Resident

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POLITICS By the end of this week, the Chebucto Road project will be finished, but the residents say this isn't the end of their fight.

The overhead lane designation signs will light up today and it will be fully operational by Wednesday at midnight.

Carol King said her front lawn woke her up. Because of the road widening, she — and many of her neighbours — are more involved in municipal politics and bigger issues.

"It will never be over," she said. "It's not just about Chebucto Road."

Even though the work on Chebucto Road is near completion, King said the fight isn't over.

"My mission certainly is to fight against Peter Kelly as a mayor and Linda Mosher as a councilor, I think they've done a poor job," she said

"It's not just about Chebucto Road." Carol King

With the road paved, some people have commented to King that it doesn't look that bad and wonder why residents made such a fuss.

"My answer to that is are the people of HRM pleased to spend about $4 million for something that doesn't look that bad or hasn't made much of a difference?"

There were a few positives to the construction: Kings said she got her driveway paved, her wall was rebuilt, and it drew her neighbours closer together.

"We are tight, tight neighbours," she said. "I guess out of adversity comes friendship like that."

Airport workers approve contract

NEGOTIATIONS About 150 airport employees have voted in favour of a contract between their union, the Union of Canadian Transportation Employees local 80829, and the Halifax International Airport Authority.

Contract talks began nine months ago. The workers are tradespeople, firefighters, duty managers, equipment operators, IT and administrative staff.

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Searchers go into the wild

Search and Rescue volunteers undergo tough weekend training course

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At around six o'clock it starts to pour.

The searchers have been out since eight in the morning bushwacking through the woods. Most are still out there pushing through trees. It's wet, dark and cold, but none of that reflects in the people.

"We feel great. We're tired and sore, but we don't give a hoot," said Debbie Slaunwhite, a mother of two.

She's one of 14 people who signed up for this gruelling training weekend in the woods near Kearney Lake. They're not military or police, they're volunteers with Halifax Regional Search and Rescue.

By six o'clock on Saturday the teams have already spent 10 hours doing map and compass exercises, guiding themselves from station to station. It's far from over. In a few hours Slaunwhite's team will come across a victim — a drunk man with a nasty shoulder wound who crashed his boat. They'll need to care for him until around midnight.

Then they build a shelter and spend the night. Piece of cake.

"This is by far the most arduous of our training," says internal training officer Greg Potter.

"It's a 100 per cent volunteer organization of dedicated volunteers just trying to help lost people and their families."

The search and rescue team gets $3,000 each year from the Emergency Management Office, but that doesn't even cover their fuel costs. So they greatly rely on their own fundraising.

There are about 160 people in Halifax Search and Rescue. They average over 24 searches each year. They buy their own gear and take time off work for training like this to make sure they're completely efficient when needed.

"It's dedication to helping a lost person. That's the primary drive," says Potter.

"Ultimately that's why these teams are formed. That's why they're working."


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Volunteers Debbie Slaunwhite, from left, Jason Fenwick and Craig Potter retrace the path through the Halifax Search and Rescue training exercise yesterday.

Waist-deep in the search

• Falling in a bog would make most people angry.

But if you're like Jason Fenwick of Halifax, and volunteered to spend your weekend in the woods doing search and rescue training, it's not a big deal.

"I took about two steps and I was at least waist-deep," Fenwick recalled.

"I tried to pivot around 180 and get back to shore. Then I sunk again and fell flat on my face in the bog."

But Fenwick was in remarkably high spirits and — thanks to his gear — relatively dry. Such is the life of searchers.

Halifax Regional Search and Rescue is made up of over 150 such dedicated volunteers. Ken Hill, a Saint Mary's University psychology professor, even analyzes data to predict statistical averages of where lost subjects may have wandered.

Debbie Slaunwhite has been in search and rescue for two years and it's completely changed her outlook.

"Jeeze, I didn't even like going out if it was dark. Now it doesn't matter. I never seem to feel lost. Sometimes I don't know where I am, but I never think I'm lost," she said.

"This is really a good community to learn those kinds of skills. Everybody here is on different levels and everybody helps everybody else."

Dartmouth **Training exercise**


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Private Daniel MacKenzie stands guard behind razor wire at a vehicle checkpoint during a military training exercise at the Eric Spicer Building in Dartmouth yesterday morning. Canadian Forces members participated in training exercises at several HRM locations on the weekend.

News in brief

INVESTMENTS Buyout industry investment levels have plummeted in 2008 compared with a year earlier, according to investment and fundraising statistics released Thursday by Canada's Venture Capital and Private Equity Association and Thomson Reuters. Twenty-nine disclosed, completed and pending transactions were recorded in the year-to-date period ended Sept. 30, according to the CVCA, for a value of $6.4 billion. That's compared with $63.5 billion in 182 deals recorded in all of 2007 — although this year's levels are more or less on par with transactions for 2006 (40 deals totalling $8 billion).

METRO NEWS SERVICES

NDP bill would remove HST from power bills

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POLITICS The NDP tabled a bill Friday to bring back the HST rebate on power bills.

Leader Darrell Dexter presented a petition with more than 10,000 signatures calling the Conservative government to reinstate the eight per cent rebate at the legislature.

"Most people feel a sense that they've been betrayed by a government that campaigned on a particular promise … that they were going to remove the eight per cent from all home energy costs, and did initially in a budget we supported, and then, in an extraordinary circumstance, came and took it back," Dexter said.

"Most people feel a sense that they've been betrayed." Darrell Dexter

The recent eight per cent Nova Scotia Power hike in September and the further 9.3 per cent jump coming in January are driving the support, he added.

In the spring of 2006, the MacDonald government announced the HST would be cut from everyone's tax bill.

But this year the province eliminated much of the tax break. Now, only the HST rebate is only provided to people who use more than 27.4 kilowatt hours of power per day.

MacDonald says the $28-million tax break would push the province towards a deficit.

He said the Heat Smart program for low-income people and a program that provides drug coverage to poor families would not be possible if the HST rebate stayed.

"It would mean less money for those who most need it," he said.

Liberal finance critic Diana Whalen said she's anxious for a budget update, as other provinces have done, before the next scheduled one in December.

"If in fact adding $28 million to our budget today would bring us to a deficit it shows we're in some jeopardy," she said.

"There are storm clouds brewing (and) we can't bury our heads in the sand. This province has to look squarely at the financial future and get ready."

Signs of childhood diabetes
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Hundreds call for end to poverty

Protesters march for better housing, universal childcare

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Demanding an end to the "war on the poor," hundreds of people marched through downtown Halifax Saturday.

They wanted affordable housing, livable incomes, universal childcare and a break on tuition. They protested the recent increase to power bills and the closure of the Pendleton Place homeless shelter.

Dolly Williams, with the Adsum Centre for Women and Children, told the crowd people shouldn't be dying on the streets because of a lack of housing and food.

"We all have a right to housing in this province and in this country of Canada. No one should have to live on the streets of Halifax in this day and age," she said.

"We have Shannon Park ex-military housing sitting across the harbour in Dartmouth that I see as I go over the bridge everyday. It could be used for affordable housing for low-income and homeless people."

Wayne MacNaughton, a community advocate for the homeless, said he's tired of reports and studies and wants to see something done.

"The government has done nothing to address the underlying issue, which is more affordable housing and more community support for people suffering from mental health and addiction."

Heather MacIntosh, a law student and participant with the Spryfield Single Parent Centre read a sarcastic letter to the government.

"I'm sure you're aware that a minimum-wage job would leave with negative-$100 a month," she said. "And thank you for refusing to provide me with money for childcare, now that I'm enrolled in university."

She said she has hardly enough to survive in a dark, mouldy two-bedroom apartment where her son and daughter share a room and a bed.

After the rally in Victoria Park, they marched down Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street and paused outside of the Emera building. There, they spoke out on the 9.4 per cent rate hike by Nova Scotia Power.

Then they continued the march, escorted by police, to Province House.



JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

A woman holds a sign as she participates in an anti-poverty march in Halifax on Saturday. The crowd demanded universal childcare, liveable wages and affordable housing.

"We all have a right to housing in this province and in this country of Canada. No one should have to live on the streets of Halifax in this day and age."
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New rules remove hurdles in civil court, minister says

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REWRITE Suing people just got simpler.

New rules tabled Friday will make civil court matters quicker, cheaper and less complex, the justice minister says.

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke said the average person couldn't understand the old rules, but now they've been re-written so anyone can understand them. That makes it easier for people to represent themselves in court and gives others greater understanding of their case, the process and the timing, he said.

"Ultimately, it's to get away from the administrative and bureaucratic processes and to allow for an efficient flow of information, to get to the facts quicker, to allow people to streamline their ability to get their case before the courts in a more efficient manner," Clarke said.

Under the rules, people will get earlier trial dates, with tailored lengths to save time and money. Disclosure and discovery obligations will be faster and cost less.

James Gregg, the Justice Department's senior solicitor, said right now it takes a person two to three years to get to trial, but the new rules could shave off a year.

The new rules apply to Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal. They were revised by the judges of two courts over the past five years.

View the rules at http://www.courts.ns.ca/Rules/toc.htm.

News in brief

STRUCK Just before 7 pm Saturday night, a 20-year-old woman was hit in a crosswalk at the corner of Robie Street and Spring Garden Road. She was treated for minor injuries in hospital; the driver got a ticket for failing to yield to a pedestrian.

DAMAGE Police say a male driver went through some kind of medical emergency at 7:40 p.m. Saturday night, causing him to lose control of his vehicle. He went off the road and struck a power pole on Chain Lake Drive. The driver wasn't injured but the power pole and car were badly damaged.

BREATHALYSER A driver suspected of being "highly impaired" ran into a parked car at Market and Sackville Streets just after 4 a.m. yesterday, police say. The man, in his early 20s, refused to comply with a breathalyser demand; he's been charged with that, and with impaired driving.

CHARGES Police and RCMP have charged Kyle Pottie, 24, and Sasha Stundon, 21, with possession of marijuana and cocaine for the purpose of trafficking. They've also been charged with possession of ecstasy. The charges came after the search of a Frederick Avenue apartment just before midnight Thursday.

COURT A 25-year-old man will be in court this morning, facing six charges of arson in Lunenburg County. RCMP say the fires were set on Halloween, Nov. 1 and Nov. 9 in a garbage dumpster, compost bins and a portable toilet. There was some minor damage to an insurance building and the Lunenburg Town Hall.

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Seven dead in B.C. plane crash

Seven people have died in a small plane crash on South Thormanby Island off British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, a spokesperson for the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria has confirmed. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

"Becoming a Hells Angel is not an easy thing."

Steven Gault, who's now living under an assumed name in witness protection.

Angels trial

Steven Gault continued his testimony for the prosecution against Oshawa Hells Angel president Mark Stephenson and Remond Akleh, of the club's elite Nomads unit, on murder charges. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Questions loom as Parliament returns

MPs return to Parliament tomorrow for a session that promises to test their partisan instincts and political philosophies.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who vowed during the election campaign not to run a deficit, now faces pressure for deficit spending to kick-start an ailing economy.

The Liberals will try to shake off a post-election funk under a caretaker leader until a new party boss is chosen next May.

And with Canadians worried about their pensions and jobs and government revenues battered by the downturn, all 308 MPs are feeling the pressure to be on their best behaviour and curb the partisan antics that poisoned the last session of Parliament.

Whether that spirit of co-operation survives the first question period is an open question but MPs of all stripes are vowing to give it their best shot.

"I think our entire government is willing to try and do whatever we can to make this next Parliament as productive and positive and collegial as possible," said Government House leader Jay Hill. "They would like to see us work co-operatively together as much as possible. I think that message has been sent."



Stephen Harper

That was echoed by Liberal House leader Ralph Goodale, a veteran MP who says the last session of Parliament was "as nasty" as he has ever seen.

The pledges of goodwill will quickly be put to the test as the government outlines its priorities for the parliamentary session in the throne speech. Harper is being pressured to cancel promised corporate tax cuts and add infrastructure spending by the opposition.

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Throne Speech

- The Throne Speech, to be delivered by Governor General Michaëlle Jean, will lay out a modest, workmanlike agenda in keeping with the tough times and the government's dwindling coffers. It's expected the speech will highlight the government's intention to accelerate infrastructure spending and make good on campaign promises to deliver targeted aid to sectors of the Canadian economy.

Economists call for bank bailout clarity

POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper came away from the emergency G20 meeting in Washington Saturday saying he was ready to boost spending and supports U.S. President George W. Bush's stand against re-regulation of the global economy, and appears to accept only limited, short-term deficit spending.

Moreover, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty argues the "open market system did not fail."

In recent weeks, Flaherty announced the government would buy $75 billion in bank debt without strings. Although the finance minister hopes the banks would use the extra liquidity to reduce borrowing costs and loosen credit, it is merely a suggestion, with no enforcement mechanism. Progressive economists are urging the public to demand more transparency and serious regulatory clout in the Canadian economy in the face of a U.S.-style bailout.

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Petition

- Recently, the Progressive Economics Forum urged Harper to play an active role in stimulating the real economy of jobs and services through infrastructure spending and income support.

Vancouver **An Olympic mayor**



MONICA MARTINEZ/FOR METRO CANADA

Gregor Robertson speaks in front of supporters in Vancouver Saturday after winning the city's mayoral election. Robertson, who will be mayor during the 2010 Winter Olympics, focused his campaign on battling homelessness, an issue that threatens to cast the city in a bad light during the Games.

Leadership race off to messy start

POLITICS The Liberal leadership race is off to a bumpy start.

With six long months to go before the Liberal leadership convention in Vancouver, events turned messy yesterday when Toronto Centre MP Bob Rae boycotted a leadership candidate Q&A at a Mississauga, Ont. hotel because it was closed to the public. The debate was included in a weekend meeting of the Liberal Party of Ontario.



Bob Rae

"We're not a private country club that appoints its own board of directors," said Rae last night. "The Liberal party will not be successful until it opens itself up and lets in the light, the noise and the air... even meetings in the Soviet Union were open."

The two other contenders — New Brunswick MP Dominic LeBlanc and Michael Ignatieff — both participated, while disagreeing on the closed format. Leblanc called for an open debate, while Ignatieff supported the status quo.

The weekend ended with squabbling over the Q&A, sniping among candidates and a sinking feeling of déjà vu among Liberals in a party weakened by the long Jean Chrétien-Paul Martin rivalry, the nasty 2006 leadership race, and a continued assault on Stéphane Dion's leadership. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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MPs to vote on new speaker

POLITICS Think part diplomat, part scolding parent, hockey referee and schoolyard monitor and you get a taste of the job that's up for grabs when MPs return to Parliament — House of Commons' Speaker.

When Parliament resumes sitting tomorrow, one of the first tasks for MPs will be to pick one of their own for the post.

With the job goes the big task of policing the daily question period, a heated 45-minute session of heckling and shouting, where partisan politics often boil over in full public view.

At least five MPs are expected to give Liberal Peter Milliken, the current Speaker of the House, a run for his money.

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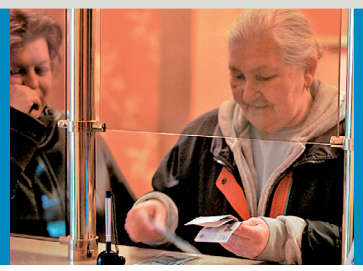
News in brief

MILITARY It was revealed yesterday that the Canadian military does not track how many of its soldiers are suffering from hearing loss and traumatic brain trauma, two signature injuries of war. **REUTERS**

Watch Canadian soldiers care for Afghan troops after an IED blast at metronews.ca/canada

Four militants dead after Israeli air strike
An Israeli air strike killed four militants in the Gaza Strip yesterday and Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said he had commissioned a plan for military action in the Hamas-run territory if rocket attacks on Israel persist. REUTERS

World



Pawn shops booming

Pawnbrokers in the Russian capital of Moscow are enjoying the global credit crunch. Vadim Karashuk, head of Moscow's 16 state-owned pawn shops, says that business is good. "We're lending out more cash now than ever because the banks are giving less credit," he said. REUTERS

Leaders unite to fight crisis

G20 looks for ways to tackle weak global economy

World leaders pledged rapid action on Saturday to rescue a weakening global economy from the worst financial crisis in over 70 years and agreed to give emerging nations more say in running financial affairs.

The Group of 20 leaders from major industrialized and developing countries set out plans to toughen oversight for major global banks, study limits on banker pay and try for a breakthrough by year end in global trade talks — all part of a roadmap to rebuild a financial system crippled by the credit crisis.

"We must lay the foundation for reform to help ensure that a global crisis such as this one does not happen again," they said in a statement after their first-ever summit.

"It is the worst crisis in 100 years. But the crisis could be a chance at the same time. History tells us that when we overcome crisis, a new order is created."
Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso

They vowed to make progress before a second summit by the end of April.

President George W. Bush called the meeting, probably his last major economic event before he steps down in January, a success, saying leaders agreed to free-market, pro-growth policies.

"It makes sense to come out of here with a firm action plan, which we have. And it also makes sense to say to people that there is more work to be done," he said.

The G20 also called for fiscal stimulus measures, be they tax cuts or government spending, to take "rapid effect," and urged more interest rate cuts.

But they fell short of announcing any new measures or major regulatory breakthroughs, and left it up to individual countries over what actions to take.

G20 support though could bolster efforts in the U.S. Congress to push through a second economic stimulus plan, which is opposed by Bush and backed by his successor. Britain, also heading fast into recession, may unveil tax cuts this month.

G20 warnings on the dangers of inaction were stark. "Economic momentum is slowing substantially in major economies," it said.

"It is the worst crisis in 100 years," said Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso. "But the crisis could be a chance at the same time. History tells us that when we overcome crisis, a new order is created. We should not be just flustered by the crisis." REUTERS

Group therapy can help fight breast cancer: Study

SURVIVAL Psychological group therapy for women with breast cancer may help them not only to cope better with their disease but also live longer, U.S. researchers said today.

The idea that such therapy can extend survival in cancer patients has been controversial for two decades.

Researchers studied 227 women with breast cancer. About half took part in a year of group therapy, while the others did not.

After 11 years, the women who participated in the group therapy were 56 per cent less likely to die of breast cancer and 45 percent less likely to have their cancer return, the researchers wrote in the journal Cancer. REUTERS

3 dead in subway tunnel collapse

CHINA At least three people were killed and 17 more were trapped when a half-built subway tunnel in the eastern Chinese city of Hangzhou collapsed, leaving a huge crater that also engulfed 11 vehicles, state media said yesterday.

Workers building the new metro system scrambled to escape the slow cave-in on Saturday.

China's construction industry has been plagued by corruption, poor standards and shoddy materials as the country's booming economy fuelled a rush to expand infrastructure. REUTERS

Amnesty **Zimbabwe women honoured**



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Left to right: Bokani Nleya, Jenni Williams, Tracy Leigh Doig and Magodonga Mahlangu from WOZA (Women of Zimbabwe Arise) pose with their prize before the Amnesty International 5th Human Rights Award ceremony in Berlin yesterday. Since its formation in 2003, WOZA members have been arrested numerous times for protesting the worsening conditions in Zimbabwe.

Wildfires destroy 1,000 homes

CALIFORNIA Wildfires hopscotched around southern California yesterday although calmer winds slowed flames that have destroyed almost 1,000 houses, forcing tens of thousands to evacuate.

Officials said wildfires have scorched more than 20,000 acres over the past four days in foothills north of Los Angeles. REUTERS

News in brief

TROOPS Iraq's cabinet approved a pact yesterday that will let U.S. troops stay in the country until 2011, setting a final date to end a military presence that began with the 2003 invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein.

SHUTTLE The space shuttle Endeavour eased into a dock on the International Space Station yeseterday to begin a series of missions to complete the 10-year-old orbital outpost.

MARRIAGE Thousands of gay marriage advocates held boisterous rallies Saturday across the United States and abroad in a coordinated protest of California's vote this month to ban same-sex marriage.

POWER With North Korea is in the throes of a leadership crisis over Kim Jong-il's suspected stroke, the real power struggle for ordinary people is coping with electricity shortages. REUTERS

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Time to see green in the red

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James Blunt
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This year, I have visited more than 180 cities on my world tour, and wherever I went — from Aberdeen to Auckland — one thing never failed to amaze me: air conditioning. It was blasting at sub-arctic levels in nearly every hotel I stayed, when most times it would have been just as easy — and better for the environment — to open a window.

To me, hotel air conditioning is a small but telling reminder of the luxuries we have grown so accustomed to in an age of prosperity but could often do without. They are things — like SUVs, or fish caught half a world away or even disposable hand wipes — that barely improve our daily lives but, altogether, are taking a terrible toll on our planet.

So, as we read in newspapers like Metro about the economic slowdown, I wonder if there might be a silver lining in such grim news: The possibility that after a period of so much consumption, we might cut back a bit on extravagances we don't need, and give our over-worked planet a bit of a breather?

I realize that many people roll their eyes when a celebrity preaches about the environment — or rescuing baby seals, or any other worthy cause. (I don't like preaching, either, and — contrary to what you might have read in the tabloids — I don't think of myself as a celebrity).

As an army officer and a musician, I have had the privilege of seeing some of the planet's natural treasures. Sadly, I have also seen the way that we abuse it by dropping bombs and building shopping malls.

"You can remind our leaders that the environment should not depend on the stock market."

I don't pretend to be an environmental expert, but I am learning. Before my concerts, we screen a preview of An Inconvenient Truth, the remarkable documentary by former U.S. vice-president Al Gore. (www.aninconvenienttruth.com.au). I am installing solar panels at home, and for every ticket to one of my concerts sold online, we plant a tree.

I'm a supporter of The Big Ask. It is a campaign by Friends of the Earth to get governments to reduce carbon dioxide emissions — the main cause of global warming. Thanks to them, the European Union is now debating laws that would force members to cut emissions by 20 per cent by 2020. If approved, it would be the most ambitious plan in the world, and just might convince the U.S., China and others to come aboard.

Unfortunately, some politicians are pointing to the economy and saying that now is not the time to fight global warming. I think they have it backwards: We cannot afford to wait any longer. Global warming is a problem that is only going to get worse, and more costly to fix, the longer we delay. By joining The Big Ask, you can remind our leaders that the environment should not depend on the stock market.

And one more thing: next time you switch on the air conditioning, think about cracking a window open instead.

James Blunt is a British pop singer-songwriter whose hit single You're Beautiful catapulted him to fame. He is currently touring Canada.

Views

Support girls' drive for education

By MAXINE CROOK

Horrific news: Two men in Afghanistan sprayed battery acid in the faces of eight teenage girls just because they were heading to school.

Encouraging news: Five days later, from her hospital bed, 17-year-old Shamsia Husainai, her face a mass of excruciating burns and one eye blinded, bravely insists: "I will go to my school even if they kill me. I will continue my studies."

Shamsia shares this yearning for an education with 50 million girls who do not get to go to school.

While it's true that many boys also don't have access to education, far more girls lose out on this basic human right. If a family must choose which of their children to educate, it's almost always a boy. Some cultures and religions discourage or forbid the education of girls. And girls, no matter how young, bear the burden of daily work at home, fetching water and firewood, looking after siblings, helping grow food.

This is a tragedy not just for the girls, but for the world! Study after study by international big players — the World Bank, UNICEF, Oxfam — all prove that when girls are educated, amazing things happen: poverty drops, the health of families greatly improves, economies grow.



Maxine Crook

A woman who has even a basic education enrolls her children in school, has them immunized, has fewer children and knows how to keep them healthy. She is more likely to practise family planning, and has a lower incidence of HIV/AIDS.

A girl with education earns more, which gives her a voice at home and in her community. "Ending global poverty begins with women's rights," according to Oxfam. Women's rights begin with education.

Even the cowardly thugs who threw acid on schoolgirls will not be able to stop girls from pursuing an education. Girls know what they are missing, and when they get a chance, they do brilliantly well.

Metro is a proud sponsor of Give Girls a Chance.

I am a volunteer with Give Girls A Chance (givegirlsachance.org), raising funds for projects that educate girls. I have seen their drive, their optimism, their hard work despite the most difficult backgrounds.

I think of Millicent Obiero, 14, an orphan in Kenya who made it from her tiny village to a high school far away, now near the top of her class.

I think of 10-year-old Selma, in Grade 4 in rural Pakistan, who writes: "My father dislikes my getting an education, so I earn my fees cleaning houses after school."

Each of us can help girls like Millicent, Selma and Shamsia by donating to organizations that fund education and women's rights, (e.g. Oxfam, PlanCanada), or Give Girls A Chance, which only funds girls' education.

Maxine Crook is a documentary maker and fund adviser to Give Girls a Chance (givegirlsachance.org), a Canadian charity that raises money to educate girls in Canada and around the world.



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Shamsia Husainai, 17, lies on a bed at a hospital in Kabul Friday after an acid attack on her last Wednesday in Kandahar, Afghanistan.



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Letters

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Response to the global financial crisis was swift and significant. In contrast, response to the climate crisis has been fragmented and ineffective. This only illustrates that world leaders have the ability to combat climate change in a co-operative way.

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Goldman Sachs execs forgo 2008 bonuses
Goldman Sachs chief executive Lloyd Blankfein and six other top officials asked not to receive bonuses for 2008, the company said yesterday — they will receive only their base pay of $600,000 US. Last year, Blankfein made $68.5 million US. REUTERS

Business

"Everyone is just holding their breath to see how Christmas goes." Richard Ellert, Harbour Ring's CEO



Toy trouble
Hong Kong-based maker of Hasbro and Mattel toys Harbour Ring said this holiday season will be tough, and an outlook in 2009 that could be worse than just a recession.

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Auto execs in spotlight amid U.S. bailout talks

AUTOS U.S. automakers should consider executive shake-ups if it would ensure congressional backing for a bailout supporters say is needed to prevent industry collapse, an architect of the effort said yesterday.

The statement by Carl Levin of Michigan underscored the difficulty Democrats are having in finalizing a rescue plan of up to $25 billion US and securing majority support in the Senate, which plans to begin debate on the matter today.

"If it was the difference between getting this kind of support or not, obviously the management should consider resigning," Levin said on NBC. REUTERS

China **Wealth gap curbs growth**



REUTERS

Workers build a Chinese style bower at a park near a construction site in Taiyuan, Shanxi province yesterday. China's growth prospects are increasingly clouded by a gap between rich and poor that is deterring consumption and dragging down productivity, said a report released yesterday.

Bailouts can't fix lack of 'prime' borrowers

The latest U.S. effort to get more money flowing to consumers assumes that there are plenty of credit-worthy households eager to borrow and spend.

That may not be the case. Rising unemployment and foreclosures are driving more people out of the "prime" credit category, in which banks are still fairly willing to lend. At the same time, consumer confidence has fallen so far that even wealthier people with little trouble getting credit are cutting their spending.

So far, there is little sign that banks that receive bailout money are loosening their grip on cash, much to the frustration of the U.S. government and countries around the world that rely on a healthy U.S. consumer to drive economic growth.

"Capital does not automatically create credit-worthy-borrowers."
Charles Dallara

Charles Dallara, managing director of the bank lobby group Institute of International Finance, said though banks have billions of taxpayer dollars in hand, it's unrealistic to expect normal lending to resume immediately.

"Capital does not automatically create credit-worthy borrowers," he said. "It's inevitable that there is a substantial degree of caution built in to lending activities." REUTERS

In brief

RATES Mortgage rates could be falling after Bank of Montreal announced a 5.25 per cent rate on a five-year, fixed-rate loan — 2.25 per cent lower than before. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HOMES The average price of a home was $281,133, compared with $312,024 last year. REUTERS



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Going Green

Water down the drain

Canadians on average use 343 litres of water each day. Use of water in the average Canadian household: Bathroom (other than toilets – 35 per cent), toilets (30 per cent), laundry (20 per cent), kitchen and drinking (10 per cent), cleaning (5 per cent), according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha.

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B.C. has identity crisis

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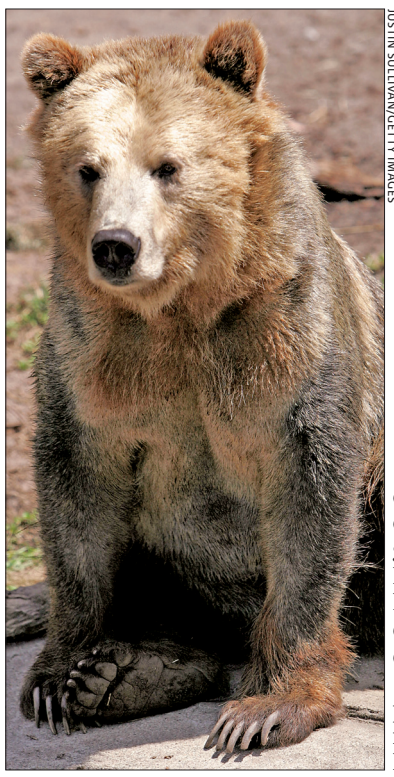


If you live in or have visited British Columbia recently, you'll have noticed a campaign to sell the province as "The Best Place on Earth". The government has spent tens of millions of dollars branding the province, and the tag-line for its PR campaign appears to be everywhere: on television and radio, on billboards, bus shelters, licence plates, and just about everywhere else you look. And as we enter the home stretch to the 2010 Olympics hosted by B.C., the campaign is reaching a fevered pitch.

Those of us who live among the towering mountains, old-growth forests, and pristine lakes and rivers feel we deserve these bragging rights on occasion. And ecologists tell us that B.C. is blessed with an exceptional diversity of wildlife and wilderness, on par with some of the greatest places on the planet, such as the Serengeti and the Great Barrier Reef.

My home province is Canada's richest region biologically — home to 76 per cent of our nation's bird species, 70 per cent of its freshwater fish, 60 per cent of its evergreen trees, and thousands of other animals and plants. More than 3,800 species are found here, and many of these, such as mountain goat and mountain caribou, live mostly — or only — in the province and nowhere else on the planet. For others, such as the trumpeter swan and sandhill crane, B.C. is a critical wintering ground or stopover in winged migrations that extend over thousands of kilometres.

Most remarkably, unlike most places in North America, B.C. still has all of the large and charismatic megafauna that were present at the time of European settlement, including grizzly bears, wolves, and cougars. Indeed, British Columbia is now the last safe haven for most of the large animals left on the continent. For example, grizzlies still roam, feed, and breed throughout much of the province, whereas in California, this majestic bruin is now only found as an image on the state's flag, having long been eliminated from the wild.



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B.C. is now the last safe haven for many large animals.

B.C. has a rich legacy to protect, yet the experts tell us that we are squandering our unique biological inheritance. Earlier this year, scientists revealed that more than four dozen species have disappeared from the province, and the casualty list is growing. A further 1,600 species (43 per cent of all the plants and animals thought to exist in the province) are also in decline and are perhaps facing a similar fate unless action is taken.

These statistics are not just an abstract tally. To the contrary, many residents and visitors to the province have personally experienced these plants and animals in nature — perhaps seen a grizzly bear while on a camping trip, or hooked a salmon on one of our pristine rivers, or been dazzled by a pod of orcas while kayaking. You don't even have to go far from populated areas: the remaining patches of Canada's most endangered forest ecosystem, the Garry oak savannah, can be found in downtown Victoria!

Given the biodiversity crisis that is unfolding in my home province, I'm shocked that the government can claim we're the "best place on earth". We lag behind virtually every other place in North America in providing legal protection for our wildlife. B.C. stands out in Canada for not having an endangered species law, while smaller provinces such as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have gone to great lengths to legally protect endangered species and their habitat. Even developing countries, such as Mexico, Costa Rica, and "the glorious nation" of Kazakhstan (to quote Borat) have a leg up on us, with endangered species laws on the books.

I'm proud of my province, and like most residents and visitors to British Columbia, I want to make sure that the natural heritage that we're blessed with is protected for my children and grandchildren to enjoy. However, in light of the government's ad campaign, I think the province needs an identity check. The government needs to reconcile its efforts to brand this province on the basis of its natural wonders with our true identity as one of the "last places on earth" without an endangered species law to protect the very things that make my home great.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.davidsuzuki.org.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

Sustainable relationships through green dating?

NADIA LODDO
for Metro Canada

It's not a romantic rendezvous, but it seduces! On the ninth floor of an office building on the most beautiful avenue in the world, the Champs-Elysées (Paris), every month a "green dating" session takes place.

In front of a breathtaking view of the Eiffel Tower, managers, business people, lawyers, members of associations, journalists and others working on sustainable development meet to share their experience and exchange their complementary points of view on sustainable and green economy.

Organized by a French on-line magazine, ECOlife, on the premises of a Parisian law office, the "green dating" copies the idea of "speed dating", a way to make romantic encounters without wasting time.

At every meeting, three people present their action in connection with sustainable development. Each of them have no more than seven minutes to make their point, then another seven minutes to answer questions.

Impressive holiday lighting

Lighting is one of the best and easiest ways to decorate your home for the holidays. And with today's energy efficient lighting solutions available in a wide range of colours and styles, it's never been easier to create a warm inviting atmosphere for friends and family especially on a cold winter's night. Both the interior and exterior features of your home can be highlighted using these simple tips:

- Direct coloured flood lights at the exterior of your home and this will give it definition. Also, be sure to capture some of the sparkle in the snow.
- Hang outdoor-rated strings of LED lights to highlight roof peaks and windows.
- Use LED Stake lights to outline walkways or in your vases or urns to enhance your greenery.
- Replace interior lights with Philips 13 watt coloured compact florescent bulbs or 1 watt LED coloured bulbs to enhance your holiday theme and entertaining.
- Hang LED battery operated snowflakes on dry indoor surfaces, such as your windows, for an effect seen both inside and outside your home.



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The common ground between two extremes

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Eagles and Bengals play to NFL's first tie in six years
Cincinnati's Shayne Graham missed a 47-yard field goal with seven seconds left in overtime to ensure the NFL's first tie since Nov. 10, 2002. Eagles QB Donovan McNabb fumbled and threw three interceptions in the game. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



Manning throws for 320 yards

Peyton Manning led the Indianapolis Colts on four straight scoring drives in the second half, wiping out two Houston leads and giving the Colts a 33-27 victory yesterday. It was the third straight win for Indy, who find themselves back in the mix for an AFC wild card spot.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Habs snap skid in St. Louis

NHL RESULT

Montreal 3 St. Louis 2 (SO)

VS

Alexei Kovalev scored the lone goal of the shootout and Andrei Kostitsyn had a goal and an assist in regulation as the Montreal Canadiens edged the St. Louis Blues, 3-2 at Scottrade Center in St. Louis.

Robert Lang also tallied, while Carey Price was solid between the pipes, stopping 24-of-26 shots for Montreal, which had dropped two straight and four of its last five. The Canadiens won despite going scoreless in 10 chances with a man advantage. After the first five shooters were unsuccessful in the shootout, Kovalev skated straight in on Legace, faked the forehand shot, then put the backhander past the netminder to the glove side just under the crossbar to give the Canadiens the two points.

With the game deadlocked at 1-1 after two periods, the Blues surged in front on the power play at 3:24 of the third.

Lang managed to tie the contest off a Blues turnover with 4:12 left in regulation. Each team had a brief power-play chance late in regulation, but neither was able to light the lamp and the game went into overtime. In the extra session, despite both teams having several quality chances, there was no scoring and it went to the shootout. METRO NEWS SERVICES



REUTERS/TIM PARKER

The Blues' Lee Stempniak gets tied up by Francis Bouillon as Carey Price stops his shot during the first period last night.

Raptors survive late Heat wave

NBA RESULT

Heat 96 **Raptors** 107

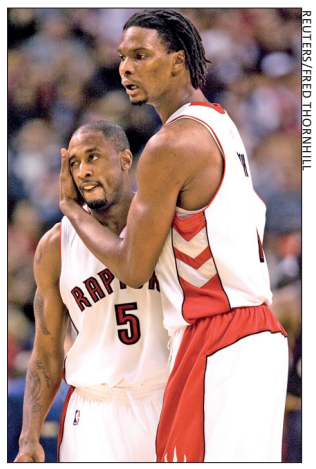
VS

THE SKINNY: Chris Bosh scored 27 points and Jermaine O'Neal grabbed 18 rebounds to lead the Toronto Raptors to a 107-96 victory over the Miami Heat, snapping Toronto's two-game losing streak.

NO JOSE: Despite the four-day break since straining his right hamstring against Philadelphia last Wednesday, Jose Calderon sat out with Will Solomon starting in his place. Solomon played well, scoring 15 points and dishing out 11 assists.

LINEUP CHANGES: In addition to Solomon starting at the point, coach Sam Mitchell went bigger up front, starting seven-footer Andrea Bargnani at the 3 spot.

THE QUOTE: **"We've just got to find a way to get more out of that position,"** said Mitchell on playing Bargnani at small forward. "**Andrea does give you a viable option of scoring."**



REUTERS/FRED THORNHILL

The Raptors' Chris Bosh celebrates with point guard Will Solomon yesterday.

SPREADING IT AROUND: Seven Raptors scored in double digits for Toronto (5-4), with Bargnani contributing 12 points, O'Neal adding 11, and Anthony Parker and Jason Kapono scoring 10 apiece.

THE NEGATIVES: Despite the 11-point win, the Raptors committed 17 turnovers in the game and allowed Miami to hang around until late in the fourth quarter.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tennessee rallies, stays unbeaten

NFL ROUNDUP

Titans 24, Jaguars 14

Kerry Collins and Justin Gage connected on a pair of long touchdowns, including a back-breaking, fourth-quarter toss as Tennessee shook off an 11-point halftime deficit to move to 10-0 for the first time in franchise history with its 24-14 triumph over Jacksonville.

The Titans rushing attack took a back seat to Collins for the second straight week as the veteran completed 13-of-23 passes for 230 yards with 56 and 38-yard TD passes to Gage, who finished with 147 yards receiving on four grabs.

STEELERS 11, CHARGERS 10

Jeff Reed's 32-yard field goal with 11 seconds remaining gave the Pittsburgh Steelers a narrow 11-10 victory over the San Diego Chargers at a snowy and blustery Heinz Field.

Down 10-8 with 6:41 to play, Pittsburgh marched 73 yards downfield. Ben Roethlisberger converted a key 3rd-and-6 from the San Diego 41 with a seven- yard completion to Hines Ward, and Santonio Holmes caught a 13-yard pass the play after.

The team ran down the rest of the clock to set up Reed's field goal at the end.



REUTERS/JASON COHN

Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger completes a pass to Hines Ward through coverage by the Chargers' Shaun Phillips yesterday. Pittsburgh won 11-10.

GIANTS 30, RAVENS 10

Brandon Jacobs and Ahmad Bradshaw powered a Giants rushing attack that piled up 207 yards on the vaunted Ravens run defense, as New York kept rolling with a 30-10 pounding of Baltimore.

Jacobs gained 73 yards on 11 carries with two touchdowns on the ground, while Bradshaw gained 96 yards on nine carries for the Giants (9-1), who won their fifth straight after their lone loss of the season, at Cleveland on October 13.

Elsewhere in the NFL it was: Green Bay 37, Bears 3; Denver 24, Atlanta 20; New Orleans 30, Kansas City 20; Miami 17, Oakland 15; Tampa Bay 19, Minnesota 13; Carolina 31, Detroit 22; San Francisco 35, St. Louis 16; and Arizona 26, Seattle 20.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports in brief

SPEED SKATING Christine Nesbitt and Kristina Groves proved to be a powerhouse duo at yesterday's World Cup speedskating meet in the Netherlands. Nesbitt won the 1,000 m final in one minute 16.18 seconds. That was 0.58 seconds ahead of Ottawa's Groves, who also clinched the 1500 on Saturday.

NHL Darryl Sydor is going back to the Dallas Stars. The Stars acquired the defenceman yesterday from the Penguins in exchange for Philippe Boucher.

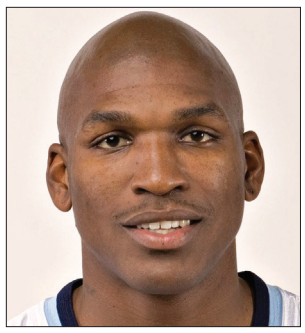
F1 The 2009 Canadian Grand Prix is officially cancelled after government attempts to save the Montreal race failed yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Anthony joins Challenge team

Halifax's Steven Anthony, left, has replaced injured Saint John Sea Dogs teammate Chris DiDomenico on the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's roster for the ADT Canada-Russia Challenge. He is available for tonight's game at Centre 200 in Sydney and Wednesday's game in Saint John, N.B. METRO NEWS SERVICES



The Rainmen's top scorer, Eric Crookshank, is free to sign with any PBL team.

Crookshank sweepstakes wide open

PBL Eric Crookshank is free to sign with any team in the Premier Basketball League, but Halifax Rainmen owner Andre Levingston is "not at all" worried about losing him.

The Rainmen's exclusive negotiating window with Crookshank came to a close yesterday, opening up the possibility that Halifax's top scorer last season could move on.

But Levingston believes he still has the inside track.

"Our priority is to get Crookshank back and Crookshank definitely wants to be back," Levingston said. "We're working through some things, but we're positive about where things are."

The 6-foot-8 forward was an American Basketball Association all-star last season, averaging 20.2 points and 12.2 rebounds while thrilling Halifax crowds with high-flying dunks.

He signed to play in Finland this fall, but returned home after experiencing problems with his contract.

In other news, the Rainmen released forward Kadiri Richards from their protected list last week. The 6-foot-7 shot-blocker promptly signed with the PBL's Wilmington Sea Dawgs.

MATTHEW WUEST, METRO HALIFAX

Huskies best Tigers in hockey

AUS HOCKEY The Saint Mary's Huskies got the better of the Dalhousie Tigers in Atlantic University Sport men's hockey action on Saturday night at the Forum. Cam Fergus had a goal and two assists as the Huskies improved to 7-4.

Colin Power, Scott Hotham and Cody Thornton helped out with a goal and an assist apiece. Tyler Dyck had a goal and an assist for the Tigers, 3-7.

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Citadel captures provincial title

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The Citadel Phoenix won their first provincial football title — and settled a year-long grudge in the process.

On a rainy day at Huskies Stadium, the Phoenix earned a 25-10 victory over the Cobequid Cougars to claim the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation football crown.

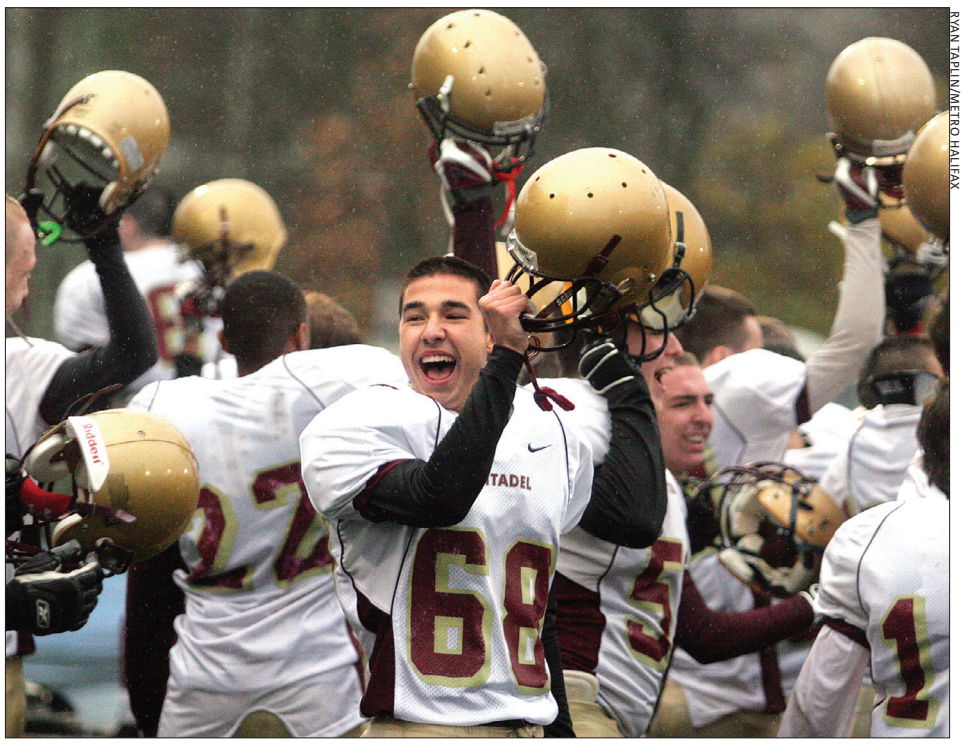
Citadel, which formed in 2007 with the amalgamation of perennial champions Queen Elizabeth and St. Patrick's, lost 50-2 to Cobequid in last year's championship.

More than 30 members of Citadel's current 58-player roster suffered through last year's blowout loss.

"We knew they were kind of livin' off last year, hoping they could pull it off again, but we came out and played our best game of the year," said Phoenix defensive captain Mike Byrne.

"We had stickers on our helmets all week that had 50-2 on them, so it was definitely a motivating factor."

Byrne, a weak-side linebacker, led the defensive effort with eight tackles, while the offence got it done in the rain.



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Jeremy Ford (68) and his Citadel Phoenix teammates celebrate their 25-10 victory over the Cobequid Educational Centre Cougars in the NSSAF provincial high school football championship at Huskies stadium yesterday.

Grade 12 quarterback Ian MacDonald ran in a major early in the game and threw touchdown passes to Darko Stasvick and Harrison Brown, leading Citadel to a 17-0 halftime lead.

"The offence handled the rain a lot better than you'd think — normally that would affect the passing game," Byrne said. "There weren't too many turnovers or fumbles."

Phoenix head coach Mike Tanner called the bulky first-half lead "the key," and credited "spectacular defence" for keeping the Cougars in check in the second half.

"We got lucky early with the wind at our back, putting up some quick points," the veteran coach said.

"We put the pressure on them to score when they had the wind at their back, and our defence was able to hold them."

Kicker Jeremy Ford contributed seven points.

Mooseheads return home winless on road trip

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The Halifax Mooseheads are leaving La Belle Province on their worst losing skid of the QMJHL season.

The Herd slipped further down the standings with its sixth straight loss yesterday, 5-0 to the Quebec Remparts in the fourth and final game of a five-day road swing through Quebec.

Fatigue played into yesterday's result, as did a powerful Remparts team that is 17-4-2, and Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell came away with a positive outlook.



Jessyko Bernard scored two goals in two losses this weekend.

"We're definitely improving," he said. "We played really well the first three games. We were in them to the end and we had a chance to win. There were more positives than anything else and they were games where nobody stopped working."

The Mooseheads also lost 4-2 to the Chicoutimi Sagueens on Saturday and 5-4 in overtime to the Baie-Comeau Drakkar on Friday. Rookie winger Jessyko Bernard was the top scorer on the weekend with two goals and an assist.

The losses leave Halifax with a 7-17-1 record, 17th out of 18 teams.

The schedule eases with just two games this week, road tilts on Friday against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles and Sunday against the Saint John Sea Dogs.

The next home game is Nov. 25.

"You've got to concentrate on the positives now more than anything else," said Russell, of where the team goes from here.

"If we start dwelling on the negatives, we're going to make it a very long, difficult year on ourselves.

"Rest is the thing we need, and after that we'll work on our power play and defensive-zone coverage."

SCOREBOARD

QMJHL

STANDINGS
ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	OL	PTS
Moncton	18	2	2	38
Cape Breton	17	6	1	35
Saint John	15	9	2	32
Bathurst	10	11	6	26
P.E.I.	10	12	4	24
HALIFAX	**7**	**17**	**1**	**15**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Drummondville 3 Victoriaville 1
Gatineau 5 P.E.I. 4 (SO)
Lewiston 5 Rimouski 2
Montreal 3 Moncton 2
Quebec 5 **HALIFAX** 0

THURSDAY'S GAME
Quebec at Drummondville

FRIDAY'S GAMES
HALIFAX at Cape Breton, 7 p.m.
Acadie-Bathurst at Moncton
Val-d'Or at P.E.I
Rouyn-Noranda at Chicoutimi
Quebec at Montreal
Lewiston at Shawinigan
Rimouski at Victoriaville

CIS FOOTBALL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
MITCHELL BOWL
Western Ontario 28 Saint Mary's 12
UTECK BOWL
Laval 59 Calgary 10

VANIER CUP
SATURDAY, NOV. 22
AT HAMILTON, ONT.
Western Ontario vs. Laval

CFL

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
EAST FINAL
Montreal 36 Edmonton 26

WEST FINAL
Calgary 22 B.C. 18

GREY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP
SUNDAY, NOV. 23
AT MONTREAL
Calgary vs. Montreal

NHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Montreal 3 St. Louis 2 (SO)
Carolina 3 Tampa Bay 2 (SO)
Philadelphia 4 Atlanta 3
San Jose 6 Chicago 5
Los Angeles at Anaheim

TONIGHT'S GAMES
Vancouver at N.Y. Islanders
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers
Boston at Toronto
Edmonton at Detroit
San Jose at Nashville

TOMORROW'S GAMES
Minnesota at Pittsburgh
Montreal at Carolina
Edmonton at Columbus
Florida at Tampa Bay
Chicago at Phoenix
Colorado at Calgary

NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 107 Miami 96
Dallas 124 New York 114 (OT)
Orlando 90 Charlotte 85
Detroit at Phoenix
Minnesota at Denver
San Antonio at Sacramento

TONIGHT'S GAMES
Houston at Oklahoma City
Phoenix at Utah
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers

NFL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Arizona 26 Seattle 20
Carolina 31 Detroit 22
Denver 24 Atlanta 20
Green Bay 37 Chicago 3
Indianapolis 33 Houston 27
Miami 17 Oakland 15
New Orleans 30 Kansas City 20
N.Y. Giants 30 Baltimore 10
Philadelphia 13 Cincinnati 13
Pittsburgh 11 San Diego 10
San Francisco 35 St. Louis 16
Tampa Bay 19 Minnesota 13
Tennessee 24 Jacksonville 14
Dallas at Washington

THURSDAY'S RESULT
N.Y. Jets 34 New England 31 (OT)

TONIGHT'S GAME
Cleveland at Buffalo

Dal women win first game

BASKETBALL The Dalhousie Tigers women's basketball team finally got itself into the win column yesterday afternoon.

The Tigers shook off a season-opening three-game losing streak, defeating the St. Francis Xavier X-Women 71-62 at Dalplex. Jenna Kaye had a 11-point, 11-rebound effort, while Leah Girdwood added 14 points and Brianna Orr 12.

After starting the season ranked fifth in the country, the veteran-loaded Tigers (1-3) struggled out of the gate.

The Saint Mary's Huskis, who split a pair of weekend games, have a 1-2 record and sit sixth in the AUS.

In men's play, the Tigers dropped to 2-2 with a 77-61 loss to St. Francis Xavier. Halifax's Christian Upshaw led the X-Men with 14 points and six assists. For the Tigers, Josh Beattie drained 21 points and Simon Farine added 14.

The X-Men (3-0) lead the AUS. Saint Mary's, which split a pair of weekend games, is sixth with a 1-2 record.

MATTHEW WUEST, METRO HALIFAX

Sports in brief

CURLING Mayflower's Mark Dacey fell short of a Canadian mixed curling title in Iqaluit on the weekend. He went 8-3 in the round robin but lost a tiebreaker for a playoff spot.

AUS HOCKEY The Saint Mary's Huskies women's hockey team continues to slide, as it dropped a 6-2 decision to the host Moncton Aigles Bleues in Atlantic University Sport play yesterday. The Huskies (2-7-1) have lost six straight games. The Dalhousie Tigers (6-4) won a pair of weekend games.

AUS VOLLEYBALL The Dalhousie Tigers (4-0) are the top team in Atlantic University Sport men's volleyball after winning a pair of games over the New Brunswick Varsity Reds in Fredericton, N.B., on the weekend.

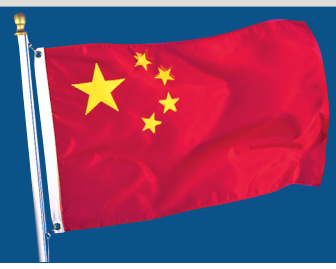
AUS VOLLEYBALL The Saint Mary's Huskies (4-4) split a pair of games on the weekend and are tied for third in Atlantic University Sport women's volleyball. The fifth-place Dalhousie Tigers lost twice to drop to 4-6.

BASEBALL Jim MacEachern has stepped down as president and chief administrative officer of the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League. He held the posts for seven seasons.

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McGill among top 27 business school in global survey
McGill University was named one of the leading 27 business schools in the world, according to a survey by Eduniversal. Along with McGill, HEC Montreal, U of T, Western, Queen's, and UBC made the top 100 list. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology



Recruiting China

To maintain international dominance, elite American colleges are scouring China to recruit top high school students who believe such schools are unaffordable and out of reach.

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This job becomes a family affair

OddJobs



If you think adoption is a straightforward process, talk to Sandra Webb. She's helped couples become parents through Children's Aid and private and international adoptions for the last 13 years.

Back in 1997, the now 56-year-old from Cobourg, Ont., drove with a Quebec couple for eight hours through a cold Russian winter day to meet their child in the hallway of an orphanage. She joined them the next day in court where they legally adopted the baby.

Yes, that was a little unusual. But it's her job to prepare prospective parents for the unexpected and the trying, as well as the wonderful.

As an adoption practitioner, she doesn't normally trip around the globe — although she did go to Russia twice — but spends her time talking with prospective parents as part of the home study portion of an adoption.

Once a couple's (or single person's, if that's the case) paperwork is in order — police checks, fingerprint checks and medicals — and once they've completed a special adoption training course, she evaluates them as possible parents. She meets with them at least four times (one interview is always in their home) and collects reference letters from friends and family. The process takes around three months and at the end she prepares a report.



Adoption practitioners help families take children out of orphanages and put them into loving homes.

"Yes, it's my job to assess them, and their big concern is whether they'll be approved," she says. "But part of my job is education."

She prepares families for that first meeting with their child and the potential cultural issues when the child comes from a different racial background.

Doe she ever "fail" families? "If it was a decision not to adopt, we've made that choice together," she says. That's only happened once or twice.

After a child has been adopted, she also does followup visits according to the type of adoption (with China, for instance, the final one is 36 months after adoption).

Webb had a degree in child studies from the University of Guelph when she moved to Cobourg to get married in the early 1970s. She got a job at the Children's Aid Society there, as an intake worker. She eventually started doing some work there with adoptions of crown wards, and loved it.

In 1995, after working on and off for Children's Aid, as well as doing some work in private adoption, she officially went into private practice as an adoption practitioner.

She does this half the time and the other half she offers therapy, mainly for families who have adopted and who are struggling. She gets to see it all: the frustration of waiting for a child, the joy of having one finally arrive, plus the challenge of building a brand new family.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Dalhousie offers grads MBA through corporate residency

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Business students wanting a crack at some of North America's top employers now have a chance to earn an eight-month paid internship via Dalhousie University's first Corporate Residency MBA.

"The Dalhousie Corporate Residency MBA will focus on recent undergraduates — the best and the brightest in the fields of engineering, science and arts — and give them the opportunity to fast-track their business careers," said David Wheeler, dean of the faculty management. "For companies that partner with the program, the Dalhousie MBA will open a new avenue for recruitment that will bring top quality candidates to their organizations."

The program allows students to earn management-level salaries to help defray tuition costs while working at leading banks, financial institutes, government agencies and major corporations. Dalhousie won't know what sort of remuneration that will be until a class has gone through the program, but it will likely be in the range of $4,000 a month.

Already signed up

- Some of the corporations already signed up are: Proctor & Gamble, Shell, Canada Revenue Agency, BMO Financial Group, Scotiabank, IBM and Emera. Go to Dalmba.ca for more information.

Colin Craig, of the faculty of management, says there has been a lot of interest already. "I think there will be some stiff competition for the first 50 seats," he said.

"It's an excellent opportunity for someone coming directly out of undergrad to fast-track their entrance into the executive workplace," Craig explained.

He noted that Canada is predicted to be approaching a zero-unemployment rate (so long as the U.S. financial market doesn't completely meltdown), which means employers are becoming more innovative in recruiting workers.

Dalhousie approached the business partners and suggested four-, six- or eight-month terms. Across the board, corporations went for eight.

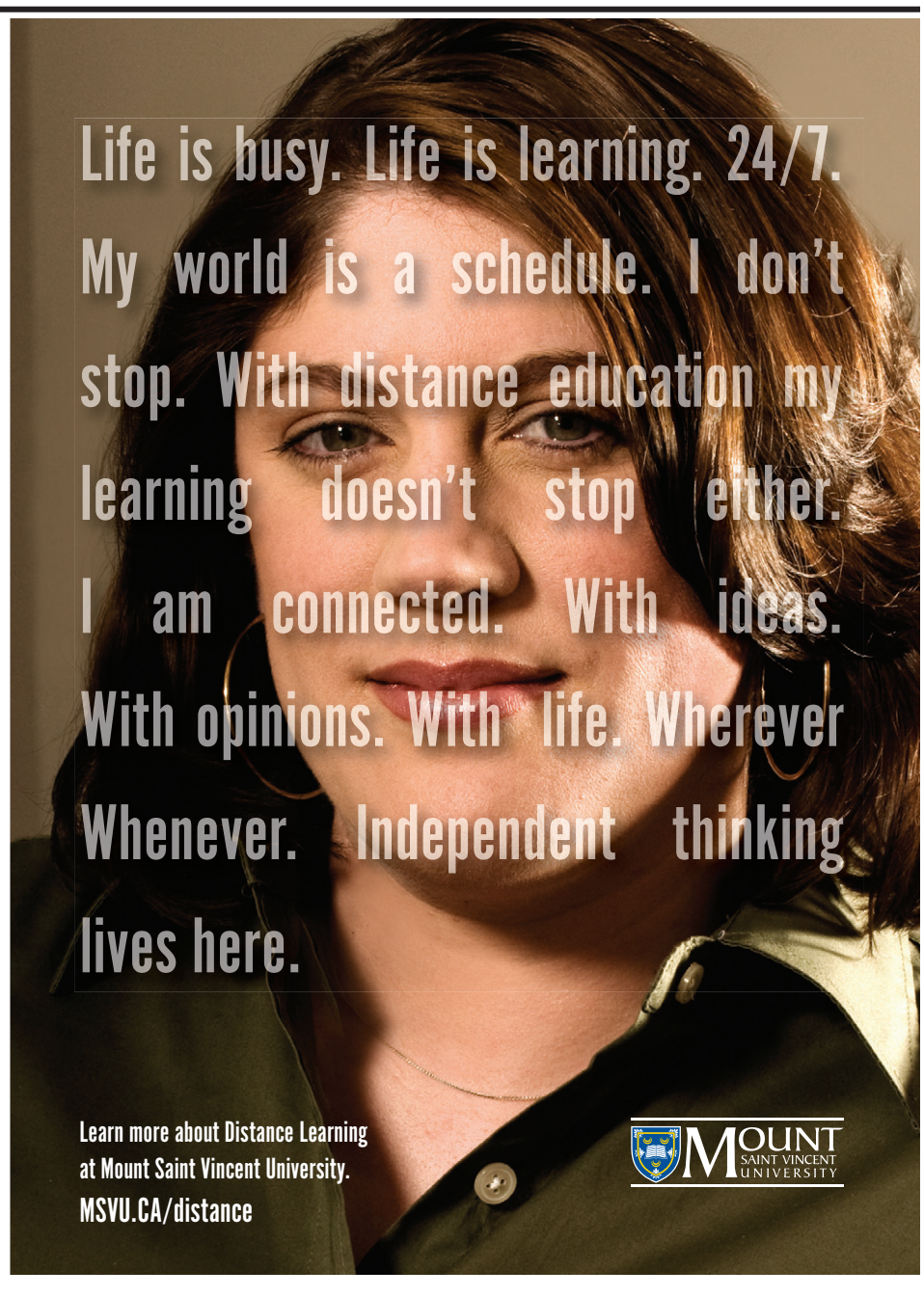
"They want to give the student a meaningful work experience, and also to size up their fit for their company."

Students have a good chance of landing a job with the company after the residency.

Unlike other schools, Dalhousie doesn't require executive work experience and expects its grads to go to entry-level executive positions and track higher over the length of their career.

Joanne Akerboom, executive director of external affairs for Dal, described the ideal candidate. "We really want students who have been involved in their communities, who have demonstrated they can set goals and achieve and exceed them, who are team leaders in terms of making things happen — all that on top of their academic abilities."

She said the students would then be ready to address the gap created by senior management retiring and middle-management rising to take their jobs. "You need people who can step into those positions faster."



Andress tops Bond girl poll
Original Bond girl Ursula Andress has beat out competition from Halle Berry and Kim Basinger to be named 007's sexiest siren, according to a new online poll by Moviefone.com. IMDB.COM

Entertainment



Gift to Africa

Anthony Edwards agreed to return for E.R.'s final episodes, on condition his paycheque be donated to the African charity Shoe4Africa, which promotes AIDS awareness. IMDB.COM

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Best music tuner online



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We are facing a revolution in music. Online music sites are conquering the Internet with tens of millions of users.

Websites are not only one-way radio stations — they are community websites, and have become intelligent about what kind of music you like and what new artists you should be listening to.

Many sites avoid the issue of rights by becoming friends with big labels in order to provide music for free. METRO WORLD NEWS

Four online services to tune into with your computer

	Spotify.com ●●●●●	Last.FM ●●●●	Imeem.com ●●●●	Pandora.com ●●
What it does	Streams music to the computer that cannot be saved or stored. It can only be listened to in real time.	Internet radio community website. Not allowed to upload copyrighted audio files except of commercially available albums.	Social media network with free on-demand streaming of music and video content.	Internet radio service. Only in U.S.
Usage	Small application must be downloaded.	Last.fm player application must be downloaded.	Web-based.	Web based, only available in the U.S.,
Cost	Free with ads (currently only available on invitation). Otherwise, $15 per month for unlimited listening.	Free, or subscribe for $3 US per month.	Free, registration required to play many full-length tracks. Also video	Free subscription is supported by ads and a non-fee subscription is provided without ads.
Number of songs	Seems to be unlimited.	More than 3.5 million individual audio tracks.	Unknown.	More than 600,000.
Comment	Simple iTunes-like interface with good streaming. Free version is not open for all.	Builds profile of based on what you play. Grade, comment and share playlists.	Users can create, recommend and discover music, film/video and art.	Provide feedback on the selections that Pandora stores for future reference.

GUEST EDITOR JAMES BLUNT

New music just a mouse click away

The digital revolution has brought record stores into our homes, and it's a great thing. Sure, illegal file-sharing between friends and illegal downloading has decimated the music industry, and as such new bands are finding it harder to get investment to get them into recording studios. But as time goes on, there are an increasing number of easy-to-use, value for money, online music retailers. iTunes was at the forefront of the industry, but healthy competition is on its way, and hopefully, the music industry will find its feet again.



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Brother of dead Idol hopeful blames Abdul

The brother of the American Idol contestant found dead near Paula Abdul's home has blamed the star for the incident, imdb.com reports.



Abdul

Police found the body of 30-year-old Paula Goodspeed in a parked car in Abdul's Sherman Oaks, Calif., neighbourhood, and pronounced her dead at the scene on Tuesday.

Goodspeed's brother, Charles McIntyre, has disputed tentative police reports she committed suicide in her car and has blamed the Idol judge for crushing her dreams of stardom. Goodspeed auditioned for Season 5 of the hit U.S. reality show in 2006 but did not make it past the initial stage.

"(Abdul) didn't speak up for her. She let everyone take her down. She said she was 'speechless', when she could have said something in her defence," McIntyre tells the New York Post.

A spokesperson for Abdul has declined to comment. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Smith, Cruise, Fey make Walters' list

PEOPLE Actors Will Smith, Tom Cruise, Tina Fey and Miley Cyrus have landed on broadcaster Barbara Walters' 10 Most Fascinating People list, imdb.com reports.

The quartet joins Beijing Olympics swimming champion Michael Phelps and actor Frank Langella on the list. Walters' pick for the Most Fascinating Person of the year will be revealed when her annual special airs on Dec. 4.

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Hilary Duff signs TV deal with NBC

TV Singer/actress Hilary Duff is coming back to TV, People.com reports.

NBC announced Friday that they've signed Duff to a one-year deal to star in her own series as well as appear on some of their current shows.

"Hilary is an incredible versatile talent with a huge following whose career we know will continue to soar on NBC," says Teri Weinberg, executive vice-president of NBC Entertainment. METRO NEWS SERVICES

weekend box office



Bond ruled the big screen.

Following are the Top 10 films at the North American box office, according to studio estimates:

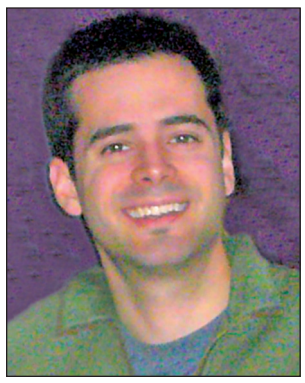
1. **Quantum of Solace:** $70.4 million US
2. **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa:** $36.1 million
3. **Role Models:** $11.7 million
4. **High School Musical 3: Senior Year:** $5.9 million
5. **Changeling:** $4.2 million
6. **Zack and Miri Make a Porno:** $3.2 million
7. **Soul Men:** $2.4 million
8. **The Secret Life of Bees:** $2.4 million
9. **Saw V:** $1.8 million
10. **The Haunting of Molly Hartley:** $1.6 million

REUTERS

Celeb designer
Actress Jessica Biel is set to add designer to her resumé, by creating a range of handbags for her boyfriend Justin Timberlake's fashion line, William Rast. **IMDB.COM**



Metro Global Photo Challenge 2008



"This photo was taken on a very cold and nasty February afternoon. It was misty enough to make the city appear really tranquil but at the same time a bit desolate. It reminded me of a city whose golden days had come and gone. The bird seemed to emphasize this mood of isolation (as though) it was the only sign of life left around."
David Addington, Toronto

Jungle Bird





"There was a fire scare downtown on 6th Avenue and I happened to be at the right place at the right time with my camera. I was struck by how important and dangerous their jobs really were... I was overwhelmed with respect and wanted to showcase by isolation of the truck and the firefighter after the work was done."
Dan Penton, Calgary

Fire



Metro's Global Photo Challenge has drawn 3,890 entries from Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Halifax, and 55,389 international entries. Vote for your favourite shot online at **metronews.ca/photochallenge** until Nov. 23. An international jury will judge the Top 5 photos, and the winner will receive a Nikon D700 DSLR and Nikon 24-70mm F2.8 zoom lens. The photos above are details of the entries. Visit the website to see the full image.

A case of perceptions

BookPicks



Testimony

Author: Anita Shreve
Publisher: Little, Brown and Co.
Price: $28.99 (Hardcover)

In Testimony, Oprah's Book Club alumnus Anita Shreve explores how the actions contained on one videotape can change the lives of every person invested in it. When Mike Bordwin, headmaster at New England's Avery Academy, receives a videotape depicting underage sex, he is challenged to properly handle the issue and discover the origin of the controversial images. Through his accounts and those of nearly 20 others, a greater picture begins to unfold.



The Private Lives of Pippa Lee

Author: Rebecca Miller
Publisher: HarperCollins
Price: $16.50 (Paperback)

Filmmaker, actress and author Rebecca Miller writes about the inevitable downside to stability in her new novel, The Private Lives of Pippa Lee. At 50 the title character, whose youth was little less than tempestuous, has just got used to her simple, suburban lifestyle. When her 80-year-old husband suggests moving to a nursing home to spend his final days, the thought of another drastic life change prompts Pippa to recall her rocky past.

BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA



More Mohr
CBS has given a full-season order to Gary Unmarried, a comedy starring Jay Mohr. IMDB.COM



PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO HALIFAX

The von Trapp children — Amanda, left, Melanie, Justin and Sofia — are performing tomorrow night before a sold-out audience at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

The sound of von Trapps

New generation carrying on family tradition

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For this being their first trip to the Maritimes, the von Trapp children certainly have a good grasp on what this region is about.

They speak openly about the friendliness of the people and the beautiful scenery that surrounds them.

And, they spring alive talking about their love of a coffee shop which they seemingly find around every corner, bringing them warmth through a double-double and a tasty treat.

"I love Tim Hortons. We've already been there twice today," said the oldest of the four siblings, Sofia, as the von Trapp children made a stop at the Metro Halifax offices last week.

"It's just really good coffee. They have great muffins, too."

Sofia, 20, along with 18-year-old Melanie, 17-year-old Amanda and 14-year-old Justin are the great-grandchildren of Captain Georg Ritter and Maria von Trapp, the heads of the famous singing family whose story captivated the world in the musical The Sound of Music.

They are also the grandchildren of Werner, who was portrayed in the movie version as Kurt.

For the last seven years, the four siblings have spent nine months of the year travelling the globe sharing songs and family stories about before and after the von Trapps come to the United States.

They perform a variety of folk and classical songs from America and Europe, along with timeless pieces from The Sound of Music.

During their stop at Metro, the four sang a rousing rendition of So Long, Farewell.

"It's such a blessing to do what we do," said Amanda, whose family is based in Montana. "We get to see the world. We really appreciate it."

In fact, before coming to the Maritimes, where they're performing several shows including tomorrow night before a sold-out Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, the von Trapp children were in Rwanda teaching music to orphan children.

"There is also hope for a better life. That's what our family stood for and everyone else does too."
Sofia von Trapp

"There's still so much we want to see," Justin said. "We want to go to places like Russia or China. China would be neat to visit."

The von Trapp children are well-received wherever they perform and sell-out audiences are the norm. The Sound Of Music is a story that seemingly touches everyone, with the von Trapp children keeping its spirit alive.

"A lot if it has to do with that it represents family," Sofia said of The Sound of Music's popularity. "There is also hope for a better life. That's what our family stood for and everyone else does too."

New Year's Eve

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MENU ITEMS

Appetizer
Duck salad with baby greens

Main Dishes
Land and Sea Trio
Prime beef tenderloin and delicate Atlantic salmon & shrimp twist with peppered cranberry sauce, potatoes and vegetable

Desserts
Warm Chocolate Almond and Coconut Cake
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Pappas co-hosts Get Married
The Bachelorette DeAnna Pappas — who recently called off her engagement to show winner Jesse Csincsak — will be co-hosting Lifetime network's Get Married. The second season premieres Jan. 5. **PEOPLE.COM**



Where's the Obama humour?

IntelleVision



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"Eventually, audiences will revert to irreverence."
Eugene Robinson, Washington Post columnist

NOT FUNNY: On the night after John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Lenny Bruce was apparently appearing in a New York nightclub, and decided to see if it was too soon to get comic traction out of the event. After delivering a gag whose details are unfortunately lost to history, he paused to take in the stony silence, then told the audience "Vaughn Meader is screwed!"

I hadn't thought about Vaughn Meader for years until I read a Washington Post column last week by Eugene Robinson, where the writer commented on Don Rickle's recent appearance on David Letterman that featured a similar stony silence in response to Rickle's shot at president-elect Barack Obama, a halting but not particularly vicious gag involving world crises and basketball that prompted an awkwardness you could practically see seeping out of the TV screen.

Robinson noted what's been obvious for months now — that there hasn't been a lot of humour directed at Obama, and none that has a fraction of the acid directed at everyone from John McCain and Sarah Palin to Obama's running-mate, Joe Biden. Robinson takes the optimistic line that Americans are still making the "cultural attitude adjustments" necessary to absorbing the idea of an African-American president.

"Eventually, some comic will come up with a spot-on Obama impression, the way Vaughn Meader did with JFK," Robinson writes. "Eventually, audiences will revert to irreverence." Meader became a superstar with The First Family, a comedy album featuring his eerie JFK mimicry, but fell into obscurity overnight after his death, shunned as a reminder of the time when the nation could be irreverent with Kennedy.

Right now, Obama is revered but unknown, a symbol more than a man, and Robinson thinks it's a pity. He doesn't think Rickles was being racist — Obama's love of basketball is well-known, but right now audiences are quick to take preemptive offense.

"To the extent that the Obama family's tastes or habits seem in any way distinctive," he writes, "they will have to be seen as the Obama family's specific tastes and habits — attributable not to a group but to a set of individuals. The idea that 'all black people' are like this or like that has always been absurd, and this absurdity becomes inescapable when a black person occupies the singular position of head of state." I'd like to hope he's right, because if he's not, it's going to be a dull and dismal four years.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

NBC PHOTO



Despite Fred Armisen's (pictured) SNL portrayals of Barack Obama, not a lot of humour has been directed at the president-elect.

Madonna helps Malawi school



Madonna

CHARITY Pop diva Madonna is asking fans to donate money so she can build a girls' school in Malawi for underprivileged children.

In a video posted on her website, the singer described her inspiration for building the multimillion dollar project.

"There are very few girls in Africa in general who are encouraged or allowed to go to secondary school," said Madonna, who officially adopted a young Malawian boy, David Banda, in May. **REUTERS**

In brief

FILM Ahead of next Friday's release of the eagerly anticipated vampire romance Twilight, indie studio Summit Entertainment is moving potential future installments in the franchise into the development pipeline. The company has acquired rights to the next three novels in Stephenie Meyer's blockbuster series. **REUTERS**

In brief

LAWSUIT Pop star Justin Timberlake's New York restaurant has cheated staff out of tips, proper pay and overtime, according to a lawsuit filed Friday. One of the restaurant's busboys filed the suit on behalf of 50 other employees. **REUTERS**

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	60	97	97	VIVA	Mysterious Ways		Judging Amy		Commander In Chief		The West Wing		Truth, Duty
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	251	251	251	WGN	Be-Millionaire	Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		One Tree Hill (HDTV) (N)		WGN News

critics'corner

My Own Worst Enemy
Henry (Christian Slater) starts suspecting that his wife, Angie (Madchen Amick), is a spy planted by Janus. Meanwhile, Edward (Slater) makes a dangerous deal with KGB Agent Mariam Shefer (Isabella Hofmann) in exchange for information about his past. Mavis (Alfre Woodard) then sends Raymond (Mike O'Malley) to keep an eye on him, while Dr. Skinner (Saffron Burrows) investigates Angie and finds that her feelings for Edward are stronger than she'd like to believe. 9 PM on CIHF



Them!
Gotta love giant killer bugs! Enormous ants wreak havoc on a desert town in this 1954 cautionary tale about the dangers of messing with nuclear material. The bug effects are delightfully cheesy, which only adds to the film's campy goodness. James Whitmore ("The Shawshank Redemption"), Edmund Gwenn ("Miracle on 34th Street") and James Arness ("Gunsmoke") lead the cast. 4:30 PM on PIX

Chuck
Chuck and Jill (Zachary Levi, Jordana Brewster) are forced to cancel their plans for a weekend getaway when Casey and Sarah (Adam Baldwin, Yvonne Strahovski) tell Chuck he's needed for a mission to find corrupt agents within the CIA. Complicating matters, Jill gets jealous when she learns that Chuck and Sarah must pose as a couple. 9 PM on NBC



Bear Grylls expecting a new cub

Man vs. Wild star Bear Grylls and his wife Shara are expecting their third son. The baby is due in January and the couple is considering the name Huckleberry for their new addition. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Activists flour Lohan

CONTROVERSY Lindsay Lohan's trip to France turned sour early on Saturday morning when she was showered with flour at a Paris club, imdb.com reports.



An anti-fur activist covered the actress with flour as she was partying with friends on the city's famous Champs-Elysees.

"Lindsay Lohan — fur hag!" he yelled, as the actress stood fuming after the attack.

"Lindsay was mortified and then furious," a bystander says. "She's in Paris supporting her girlfriend, DJ Samantha Ronson, and I think she was planning a flour-free weekend."

It's believed the flour thrower was connected to animal rights group People For The Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), which has attacked Lohan in recent days for wearing fur coats. "She was named on PETA's annual Worst Dressed List earlier this year," a statement from PETA reads.

PETA Europe's Robbie LeBlanc has applauded the flour attack on Lohan, stating, "There is nothing remotely fashionable about the torture and death of animals killed for fur.

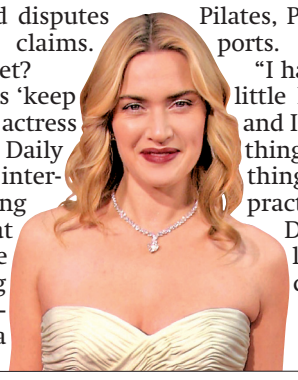
"Lindsay Lohan might be able to ignore images of bloody animals skinned alive for their pelts, but we hope a dash of flour will help her rise to the occasion and forsake fur once and for all."

A spokesperson for Lohan was unavailable for comment.

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No body doubles for Winslet

HEALTH Kate Winslet doesn't use a body double in her movies and disputes weight-loss claims. What's her secret?



"My mantra is 'keep it simple,'" the actress tells the U.K.'s Daily Mail in a new interview, revealing that she cooks at home and she eats anything except pasta — "it gives me a stomach ache."

She also exercises with Pilates, People.com reports.

"I have a mat and little hand weights and I do a stomach thing and a bum thing," she says of practising to a DVD "on the living room carpet."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Matenopoulos' husband files for divorce

SPLIT TV personality Debbie Matenopoulos says she is hurt — and surprised — by her husband's divorce filing, which she learned about from Internet reports, People.com reports.

"I am extremely saddened by the dissolution of my seven-year relationship with my husband," the host of E!'s Daily 10 told People.

Jay Faires, a music executive, filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences, according to Los Angeles court papers filed Wednesday. Faires, who wed Matenopoulos, 33, in July 2003 and separated from her in March 2008, is requesting that the court not award Matenopoulos spousal support.



Matenopoulos, is a two-time Emmy nominee and former co-host of The View.

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Theron named a Messenger of Peace

APPOINTMENT Charlize Theron has been named a United Nations Messenger Of Peace for her work towards ending violence against women, imdb.com reports.

The actress was awarded the title on Friday, joining the ranks of fellow actors George Clooney, Michael Douglas and musician Yo-Yo Ma. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon bestowed the honour on Theron.

"You have used your voice, compassion and special relationship with the public to create a better world," Ki-moon said.



Celebrities chosen as messengers of peace are asked to promote U.N. activities and ideals through public appearances and media contacts.

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Beyoncé was in 'no rush'

MARRIAGE Beyoncé, who has always been tight-lipped about her marriage to Jay-Z, is finally giving some insight into her thoughts about tying the knot, People.com reports.



"I was 18 when we first met, 19 when we first started dating. There was no rush," the singer tells Seventeen in its December/January issue, due out Tuesday. "I really don't believe that you will love the same thing when you're 20 as you do at 30."

The singer says she wanted to have a strong sense of self before making a lifelong commitment to anyone.

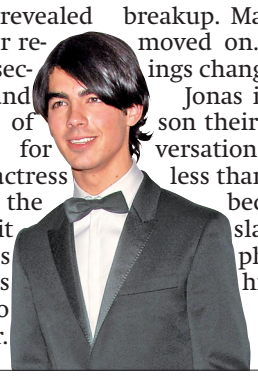
"Before the age of 25, I would never get married," says Beyoncé, 27. "I feel like you have to get to know yourself, know what you want, spend some time by yourself, and be proud of who you are before you can share that with someone else."

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Jonas denies he cheated on Swift

RELATIONSHIPS Jonas Brothers star Joe Jonas has denied cheating on ex-girlfriend Taylor Swift, attributing the breakup to "a change of heart," imdb.com reports.

Jonas came under fire recently after Swift revealed he had ended their relationship in a 27-second phone call and accused him of dumping her for 10,000 BC actress Camille Belle. But the singer has now hit back, and is adamant he was never unfaithful to the country singer.



"I never cheated on a girlfriend," he writes on the band's official blog. "It might make someone feel better to assume or imply I have been unfaithful but it is simply not true. Maybe there were reasons for a breakup. Maybe the heart moved on. Perhaps feelings changed."

Jonas insists the reason their break-up conversation took place in less than 30 seconds is because Swift slammed the phone down on him.

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Vardalos, husband adopt girl

FAMILY Nia Vardalos, the breakout star of the 2002 hit My Big Fat Greek Wedding, has adopted a child, People.com reports.

The little girl, whose name has not been released, is the first for the 46-year-old actress and her husband, Ian Gomez, E! Online reports. The couple adopted the toddler, who is less that five years old, several months ago.



"They are going public now to bring attention to National Adoption Month and the 500,000 children in foster care," according to a statement from Vardalos' rep. "Of these children, 129,000 are 'legally free' for adoption and waiting for a family."

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Jewel eager to start a family

PEOPLE Singer Jewel is eager to start a family now that she's a married woman, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The newlywed has revealed she plans to conclude her tour commitments and then start preparing for parenthood with her husband Ty Murray.

"We want to start a family. I hope to tour next year and start a family," Jewel says. The couple married in August.



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Sigler glad she didn't have kids

PEOPLE Former Sopranos star Jamie-Lynn Sigler is "glad" she didn't have children with her ex-husband, as she was too young and "misguided" to start a family, imdb.com reports.

The 27-year-old actress married her agent, A.J. Discala, in 2003 but they split just two years later.

And Sigler is happy she didn't follow her initial instinct to have a baby with her former partner.

"(I was) often misguided and misled," she tells New York Post's Page Six magazine. "I didn't know who I was. I was living in an idealistic dream world — like, 'I have a successful show and this handsome man, and I'm 22 and I'm getting married and may have a baby next year!' But, man, am I glad we didn't have children."



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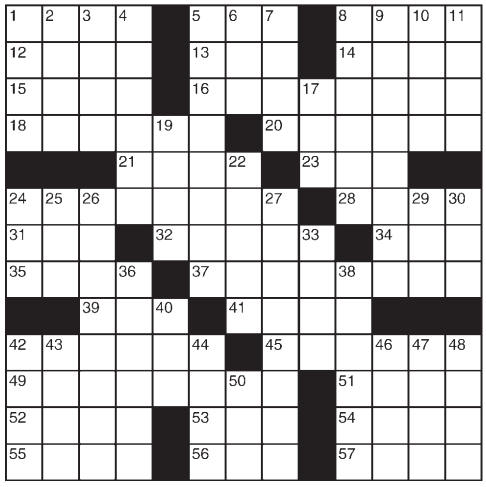
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Crossword across

1 Donate
5 Floor cleaner
8 Sail support
12 Mideast gulf
13 First lady?
14 Reverberate
15 Approach
16 Quebecois, e.g.
18 Half a pair of winter boots
20 Teeny bit
21 October birthstone
23 Deposit
24 Southwestern saloons
28 Vegan's no-no
31 Lingerie item
32 Shy
34 Hot tub
35 Collections
37 Flour receptacle
39 Hostel
41 Con game
42 Sent packing
45 Grassy plains
49 Australia's capital
51 Audition hope
52 Bedouin
53 Where (Lat.)
54 Story
55 Depend (on)
56 Soviet spacecraft
57 Counterfeit

Crossword down

1 Group of hoodlums
2 Notion
3 Osso buco ingredient
4 Establish
5 Garage worker
6 Eggs
7 Calligrapher's supply
8 Seance VIP
9 Severe trial
10 Carpet style
11 Coloration quality
17 Rock concert need
19 Skewer
22 Actor Lorenzo
24 Couric's network
25 Exist
26 Countrywide
27 "The Jungle" author
29 Gorilla
30 Paving material
33 Rotary phone feature
36 Persnickety
38 Intelligence
40 Born
42 Cicatrix
43 Tortoise's opponent
44 Conga, e.g.
46 Ark builder
47 Earthenware pot
48 Appear
50 Bat stat

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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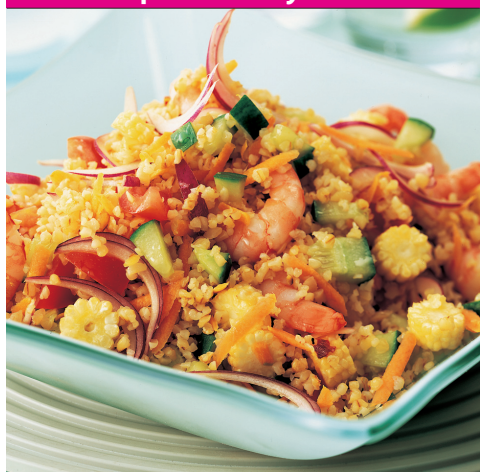
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Bulgur Wheat and Shrimp Salad

INGREDIENTS:
1 1/3 cup (400 mL) bulgur wheat
1 small red onion, very thinly sliced
1 carrot, coarsely grated
1 tomato, diced
6 baby corn cobs, sliced into rounds
1/2 cucumber, diced
7 oz (200 g) shelled cooked shrimp

LIME AND CHILI DRESSING:
4 tbsp (60 mL) extra-virgin olive oil
2 tbsp (25 mL) lime juice
1 garlic clove, crushed
1/4 tsp (1 mL) dried chili flakes
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper

METHOD:
1. Put bulgur wheat in a saucepan over medium heat and pour over 2 2/3 cups (650 mL) water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until bulgur wheat is tender and water is absorbed, about 10 minutes. Tip bulgur wheat onto a flat dish, spread out and leave to cool slightly.

2. Combine onion, carrot, tomato, corn, cucumber and shrimp in a large salad bowl. Add cooked bulgur wheat and stir together.
3. For dressing, put oil, lime juice, garlic, chili flakes, and salt and pepper to taste in a small bowl. Whisk with a fork until combined. Stir dressing into salad, tossing to coat all ingredients evenly. If not serving immediately, cover and keep in the refrigerator.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Closure is found in a restraining relationship. Whimsy is needed to cheer a depressed friend. Ethical actions will bring joy to your home.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A debate leads to moody tantrums. Prepare for an increased need for privacy. Someone wants to live with you.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Apprehension is diminished by excellent news. A sudden reversal causes resentment. An ambitious person needs time alone to plan.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A habit causes distress for a close friend. Worrying about things will waste precious time. Strange conversations will raise eyebrows.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You must carve out your own path. There's uncertainty about how others feel. An unusual person is quite attracted to you.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
People comment on your blissful preoccupation. Unavoidable delays hamper movements. Be aware of your effect on other people.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Cunning friends will use rational analysis. A demure smile gets a response. Conceal your impatience when dealing with an important person.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A romance is impossible today. An authority figure's gestures make a profound impression. Avoid using trickery to get what you want.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Versatility helps to turn a new page in your life. Commotion arises after an angry remark is made. Whispered words tell a tale of uncertainty.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone's misconception leads to alienation. An opinionated person strains your patience. If something's not working, don't try to fix it.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Expect help in a troublesome situation. There's news of a wedding, a birth and an illness. Refuse to bow down to authority.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Children's laughter brings you good luck. Clear away the rubble of the past and get on with your life. Flattery will get you nowhere.

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NOV. 17, 1800: The United States Congress holds its first session in Washington, D.C.
NOV. 17, 1947: The U.S. Screen Actors Guild implements an anti-Communist loyalty oath.
NOV. 17, 1970: Douglas Engelbart receives the patent for the first computer mouse.
NOV. 17, 1973: Watergate scandal: In Orlando, Fla., U.S. President Richard Nixon tells 400 Associated Press managing editors, "I am not a crook."

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3. Jeff's comics page pal's cashews (1)
4. Bring bad luck to psychiatrists (1)
5. Job dismissal ultimate benefit (2)
6. Appeared hopping mad (1)
7. Next-door folks' toils (2)

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